

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation would clarify that the installation of all manufactured and mobile home installations in the state will require the purchase of a permit and accompanying inspection. Such permits and inspections must be obtained by the owner or installer of the manufactured home from either the Division of Building Safety or an approved city or county which administers building codes and has jurisdiction over such installation. The State of Idaho, Division of Building Safety, is the approved installation inspection agency designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to carry out the plan for enforcement of the manufactured home installation standards in Idaho. As such, the Division is obligated to ensure that inspections of manufactured home installations are actually performed and done so by qualified inspectors. This legislative proposal would require DBS to perform inspections in those areas where a local jurisdiction does not administer a building code enforcement program. It would also allow local jurisdictions that do administer building codes to continue to provide installation inspections provided that they are approved by the Division as a qualified to do so. Criteria for approval of such a program by the Division will be promulgated in the form of an administrative rule following the adoption of this legislative proposal and is generally expected to consist of employing building inspectors properly trained in the installation of manufactured homes, inspectors certified as building inspectors, and sufficient proof that installations will be inspected to applicable standards. Additionally, this legislation will require that a tag be purchased and affixed to all manufactured homes installed in the state. This will ensure that all homes may be tracked by the Division and their location reported to HUD as is required under the state plan.

FISCAL NOTE

The intent is that the fees adopted via administrative rule will cover the costs of providing the mandated inspections. The costs to homeowners would be described as neutral, because if DBS doesn't provide the inspections, the inspections will be conducted by HUD-approved contractors at what would likely be equivalent or higher pricing. Local jurisdictions already impose fees for these inspections. The tag fee will cover the state's cost in maintaining the database of installation locations to meet HUD requirements.

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